CYCLING BC

2016 BC Athlete Assistance Program (Cycling BC)

The BC Athlete Assistance Program (BCAAP) is an athlete – center program of financial assistance funded by the Province of BC through the Sport Branch of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and administered through the BC Sport Agency. The program seeks to recognize high performance athletes who are participating in programs offered through a provincial sport organization (Cycling BC) to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs. Cycling BC is charged with the selection of said athletes.

Selection Process
Selection of Athletes to receive BCAAP is lead by the High Performance Coordinator in consultation with the High Performance Committee.

Selected Athletes
The High Performance Coordinator will present a list of ALL BCAAP applicants to the High Performance Committee to review and select based on the selection criteria below.

1.0 Program Description
The BC Athlete Assistance Program (BC AAP) is a Provincial Government program run for cycling, and administered through Cycling BC, the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO). The program is designed to financially assist those athletes who demonstrate through their performance and commitment in Cycling that they have the potential to (1) be Nationally Carded; and (2) to be members of Canada's National Senior Teams.
The funding provided is a subsidy and not intended as the sole source of income. Funding is not automatic, and is subject to the following:
- Available funds specifically for this program as provided by the BC Government;
- Submission of all required application forms and requested documents for BC AAP;
- The meeting of all necessary criteria (see below);
- Ranking high enough by performance and scorecard point totals.

1.1 Role of Cycling BC
Cycling BC, through the High Performance Committee and staff, sets out the criteria for selection. The High Performance Committee responsible for establishing the criteria, and the selection of athletes, is made up of the High Performance Coordinator, Executive Director, a Director appointed by the Board of Directors and one Membership Representative.

1.2 Age Range Policy

The focus of the program is to provide financial assistance to those athletes in the 15-25 year range (Training to Compete and Training to win stages of the LTAD). Cycling BC does not preclude funding athletes who are over the age of 25. For athletes over the age of 30, the athlete's performances must show the following:
a. Potential for international level performances;
b. A continued commitment to high-level performance;
c. Whose event requires a longer period of athlete development to reach international performance levels;
d. Whose performances have shown continued improvement during the previous years.

2.0 Obligations of Funding

Athletes receiving funding will have to adhere to the rules below:

2.1 Use of Banned Substances and Methods

BC's Policy on Sport and Physical Activity clearly outlines the "ethical pursuit of excellence" – which includes competing without the use of banned substances – as one of its pillars of support to sport. The Province of British Columbia strongly opposes the use of prohibited substances and methods as they are contrary to the ethics of sport and may be harmful to the health of athletes. Since we look to our elite athletes to set the standards for all who aspire to be at the top level of competition, athletes who are suspended by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and/or their respective International Sport Federation for an anti-doping rule violation will be declared permanently ineligible for BC Athlete Assistance Funding. For more information on Cycling BC's Anti Doping policy click here.

2.2 Use of Funds

Athletes receiving funding through BC AAP can spend the funding obtained for the following purposes:
• Normal living costs
• Costs directly associated with training (e.g. coaching, facility fees)
• Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions (e.g. entry fees, travel costs)
• Sport specific equipment

2.3 Withdrawal of Funding

Cycling BC, ViaSport and the BC Sport Branch have the authority to withdraw BC AAP support to any athlete if it is deemed that the athlete is no longer in compliance with the policies and requirements of the BC Athlete Assistance Program or the terms laid out. If an athlete does not follow the guidelines laid out in the BC AAP Selection Criteria he/she will have to repay all funds received as requested in writing by Cycling BC.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

Athletes wishing to be considered for funding must meet the following eligibility requirements as set forth by Cycling BC and the Province of British Columbia.

3.1 Eligible Athletes

Those who are eligible for BC Athlete Assistance must:

a. an athlete must be a Canadian citizen or be of landed immigrant status, and a resident of British Columbia for at least one year prior to his/her date of nomination.

b. Be at least 15 years of age during the year of competition (qualification period) in which the performances were achieved;

c. Must be a member in good standing with Cycling BC

d. Compete in a Canadian National Championship for their age group unless:

i. Competing on a Canadian (National) or BC (Provincial) team;

ii. Injured or Ill. Only a letter from a medical doctor will be accepted. This must be presented prior to the start of the championships;

iii. Domestic Affliction: defined as a personal or family tragedy, incident or emergency that does not allow you to attend the championships. Notification must be received prior to the start of the championships unless this is not possible;

iv. Education, Exam or Graduation commitment.

3.2 In-Eligible Athletes

Those athletes who are NOT eligible for BC Athlete Assistance are:

a. Those athletes who are in receipt of BC Athlete Assistance or National Carding in a sport other than Cycling (unless so arranged between the sports);

b. Those not meeting the eligibility criteria listed above; and

c. Those athletes who are under suspension by Cycling BC, Cycling Canada or Sport Canada for any doping related offence, or any offence warranting such penalty.

4.0 Selection Process

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4.1 Selection Criteria

1. Member in good standing with Cycling BC.
2. Competed in their discipline at the 2014 Canadian Cycling Nationals (unless requested to compete at a higher level by Cycling Canada or were U17)
3. Cycling Canada National Team member (or selected to participate on a National Team Project)
4. Medalist at a Canadian National or World Championship
5. Medalist at Provincial Championships
6. Be available to participate in the 2015 Canadian Nationals in their discipline, as a BC athlete.
7. Demonstrate commitment to full-time training and appropriate training volumes.
8. Demonstrate an appropriate level of direct contact with fully qualified Cycling coach.
9. Realistic plans to participate in at least 3 International/National (UCI Level) competitions.
10. Demonstrate financial need for the grant.